(ग) क्या उक्त भवन के निर्माता को पूरा भुगतान किया जा चुका है ; और

(घ) क्या विभाग के सक्षम अधिकारी इस भवन का निरीक्षण कर चुके हैं, यदि हां, तो ऐसा निरीक्षण कब किया गया और किसने किया ?

संचार मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री सुखराम) : (क) 32.22 लाख रु० (बत्तीस लाख बाईस हजार रूपए)

(ख) दूरसंचार विभाग कार्य मई, 1988 में आरम्भ हुआ और जून, 1990 में पूरा हुआ। निर्माण के विभिन्न स्तरों पर कार्य की गुणवत्ता विभिन्न स्तरों के अधिकारियों द्वारा प्रमाणित की गई थी, यथा, कनिष्ठ इंजीनियर, सहायक इंजीनियर, कार्यपालक इंजीनियर।

(ग) जी हां ।

(घ) जी हां । विभाग के सक्षम अधिकारियों (जैसे, कनिष्ठ इंजीनियरों, सहायक इंजीनियरों, कार्यपालक इंजीनियरों और अधीक्षक इंजीनियरों) द्वारा समय-समय पर भवन का निरीक्षण किया गया ।

Decrease in allocation of Telephone, lines

98. SHRI P. UPENDRA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Department of Telecommunications has informed MTNL about the decrease in the allocation of telephone lines to MTNL;

(b) if so, what are the reasons for this; and

(c) what impact it would have on the waiting lists for telephone connections?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

Allocation of Telephone Exachanges to Delhi

99. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA: Will the Mister of COMMUNICATIONS pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made 58 per cent reduction in allocation of telephone exchanges to Delhi during the current year; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons there for?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM); (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does-not arise.

Misdelivery and damage of postal articles

100. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICA-TIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that reporting of cases of misdelivery delay or damages of postal articles in transit are on continuous rise;

(b) if so, the details of such cases reported during the last three years;

(c) whether it is also a fact that such cases are beyond the purview of the Consumer Protection Act; and

(d) whether Government propose to bring such cases under the Act and if so, by when?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) and (b) No, Sir. Figures furnished in the statement (See below) for 1990-91 1991-92 and 1992-93 would show that this is not the position in general.

(c) and (d) Under the Indian Post Office Act, there is no liability on Government for the loss/misdelivery/delay/ damage to postal articles except in so far as such liability is undertaken by Central Govt, in express terms. The National Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission has held that Consumer Protection Act,